



The Eternal Light

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THE ORIGIN OF THE COMMON TABLE PRAYER

With the help of Professor Robert Rosin from Concordia Seminary, in Saint Louis, Missouri, this is what I have been able to discover about the possible origins of “The Common Table Prayer.”



We know that this prayer originated somewhere in Germany. This prayer was also known as “Komm, Herr Jesu, sei unser Gast”. It was widely used in the homes and schools of German Lutherans and other Christians long before our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ancestors brought it with them to this country and gave us it’s English “Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest” equivalent.

This prayer cannot and is not traceable to Dr. Martin Luther and this prayer probably originated shortly after the Protestant Reformation as part of the pietist movement in Moravia that was led by Count Zinzendorf. However, we can be certain he is not its author.

The Common Table Prayer, formerly known as Komm, Herr, Jesus, sei unser Gast has also been attributed with some proof to Johannes Habermann, a second-generation Wittenberg theologian, who authored a German prayer book widely used in Lutheran schools and beloved by the German pietists too. And a 1994 German “Evangelisches Gesangbuch” states as its source-Bruedergemine, London, 1753-which seems to confirm that it is of Moravian pietist origin.

I think it’s a fabulous and mighty, good prayer. And I think we should all continue to use it thanking God for all His many blessings which He so generously bestows upon us. We should pass it on to future generations so that they too may give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. What do you think?

Sincerely in Christ

Pastor Schultz

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of October were:

October 2	\$9,433
October 9	\$3,198
October 16	\$2,055
October 23	\$2,250
October 30	\$2,855

This weekly average (\$3,958) compares to our 2022 weekly budget needs of **\$4,369**.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

November 6 – Marc and Jan Ertle
November 13 – Mark and Mary Bunge
November 20 – Mark and Mary Bunge
November 27 – Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley

December 4 – Mark Bunge and Polly Cowley
December 11 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
December 18 – Sam and Lynn Kelley
December 25 – Mark and Mary Bunge
January 1 – Mark and Mary Bunge

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SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 2:00

The ladies group will be getting together for a “Gratitude Gathering” and prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving. There will be a craft project to make wooden bead garlands along with a short devotion and light snack. Please bring along your daughter or grab a friend for a good time. Below are some examples of wooden bead garlands.



October 2022 Circuit Forum – Rocky Flats Circuit

By Keith Cowley

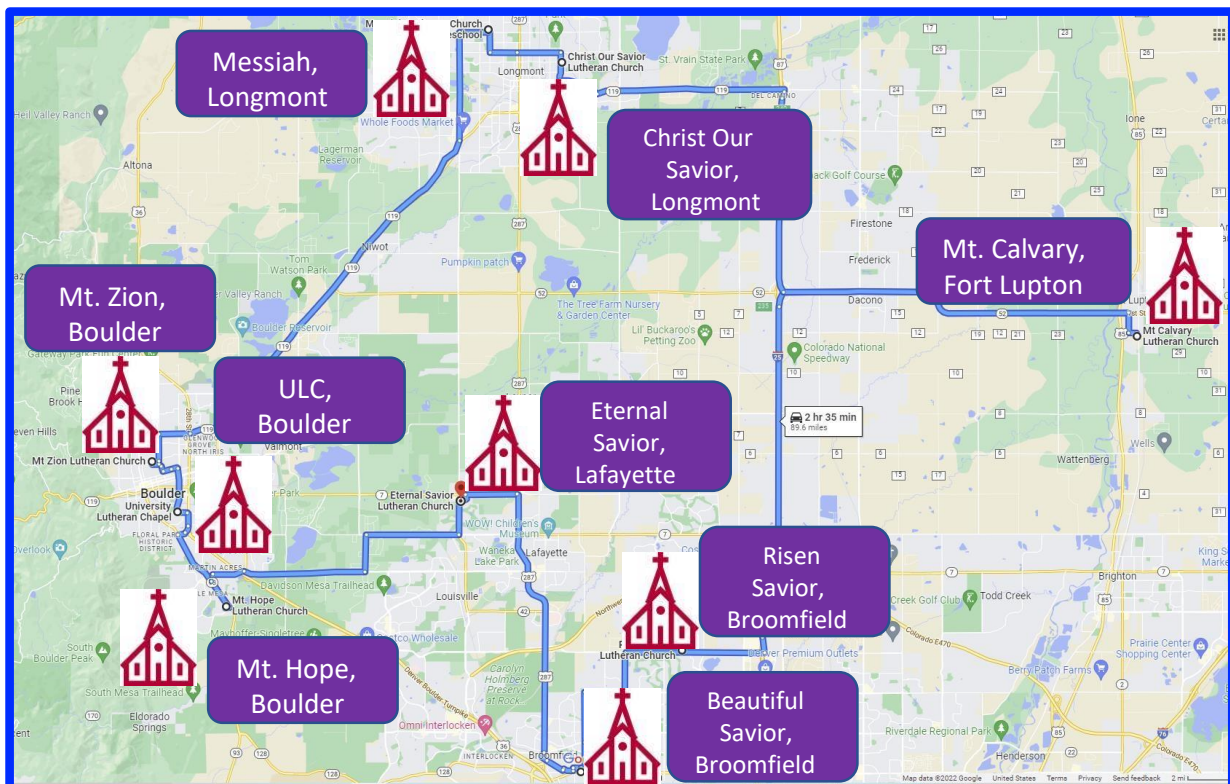
Circuit? I built one in 9th-Grade Science, but what does it have to do with the LCMS?

Our congregation is part of the Rocky Flats Circuit (RFC) within the Rocky Mountain District (RMD) of the LCMS. Within our Circuit, there are nine congregations, shown on the map below. They are:

- Beautiful Savior, Broomfield
- Christ Our Savior, Longmont
- Eternal Savior, Lafayette
- Messiah, Longmont
- Mount Calvary, Fort Lupton
- Mount Hope, Boulder
- Mount Zion, Boulder
- Risen Savior, Broomfield
- University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder

There are seventeen circuits within the RMD. Circuits exist within each Synodical district to provide a way for congregations in a geographic area to support each other in mission and ministry, and to support effective communication and outreach between the District office and the congregations of the District. Central to this is the Circuit Visitor role. One pastor within the Circuit is elected to serve in this role. He works closely with the District President and is the DP's official representative to congregations within the Circuit. Within our Rocky Flats Circuit, Pastor Keith Besel, Mt. Calvary, Fort Lupton is our Circuit Visitor.

The Circuit Forum is a periodic gathering of representatives from each Circuit congregation. There are two voting members of the Forum from each congregation: the pastor, and a lay delegate. For the purpose of representation at triennial Synodical Conventions (every 3 years), it is the circuit that selects and sends one pastoral and one lay delegate to represent the congregations in the circuit.



October 2022 Circuit Forum – Rocky Flats Circuit

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October 16, 2022, Circuit Forum at Eternal Savior

The primary agenda item for the meeting was the election of the Pastoral, lay, and alternate delegates to the 2023 Synodical Convention (July 29 – August 3 in Milwaukee), Four RFC congregations were in attendance:

- Beautiful Savior: Pr. Rick Langness, Mike Brown
- Eternal Savior: Pr. Gary Schultz, Keith Cowley
- Mount Calvary: Pr. Keith Besel, Marco Tiscareno
- Mount Hope: Wayne Shelton

Pastor Besel facilitated the election of delegates. The results are as follows:

- Pr. Rick Langness: RFC Pastoral Delegate
- Marco Tiscareno: RFC Lay Delegate
- Keith Cowley: RFC Alternate Lay Delegate
- <Vacant/TBD>: RFC Alternate Pastoral Delegate

Members of the Forum also brainstormed ideas for encouraging greater cross-circuit congregational interaction and support:

- Restart Elder Workshops (last one was just before the pandemic).
- Leadership forums, with focus on bringing together Circuit lay leaders (congregational officers, church workers: secretaries, organists, etc.).
- Promote fellowship: Talk of a circuit softball league!
- Common Interests, promote the RFC as a “family”.
- Financial Peace University (Mt. Calvary has trained instructors).
- Care and decision-making for aging loved ones.

Please reach out to either Pastor Schultz or Keith Cowley to learn more and share additional ideas regarding strengthening our Circuit.



Intentional Interim Taskforce Team

Members of the team include: Laura Raben, Tom Stahly, Bob Vieyra, Melisa Anderson, Roger Landowski, Jan Ertle, Marc Ertle, Linda Thompson, Diane Oehlkers, Robin Warnken, Keith Cowley and Mary Bunge. Pastor Schultz is guiding us through this process.

The team has been split into three groups (Team I, Team II, Team III). These teams are taking on three major tasks as a part of the church's transition.

The first team (Team I) is dealing with the history of Eternal Savior. Their task is to put the old and new ministry into perspective and to aid us as we go about dealing with past issues. They are laying the ground work for this by updating cosmetic issues. They are responsible for updating our time and talent inventories, member information, the narthex picture board, mailboxes and our church directory.

The second team (Team II) is given the task of helping the congregation to discover a new identity. This team will evaluate who we are through means of congregational study and will aid the congregation in finding out what our mission and vision are.

The third team (Team III) will be responsible for governance and power distribution within the church as they are working on updating our constitution, by-laws, policies (*practices*) and job descriptions for boards.

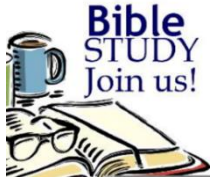
We continue to meet monthly and will give updates on our progress. If you have any questions regarding this team and its tasks feel free to ask any team member.

GAME NIGHT

On October 22, we had Game Night at Eternal Savior. It was a fun and awesome time! We enjoyed great fellowship and pizza. Everyone had a great time! A huge thank you to the Board of Deacons for organizing and everyone who attended.



Sunday Morning Bible Study! – Grab a cup of coffee and please join us each Sunday at 10:40AM in the Fellowship Hall!



Wednesday Morning Bible Study! – Please join us for Wednesday Morning Bible Class – we will study the pericopes (*readings*) for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - The Wednesday night Bible study hears from Prof. Joel Biermann (Concordia Theological Seminary) cover and unpack the Book of Philippians, and there will be time for brief discussion after his presentation. Who knows, there might even be light refreshments. Please consider joining us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Fireside Room, and a Zoom link will be available to anyone who would prefer to attend remotely (please email Jeff Reuer, jeff.reuer@gmail.com, or call 720-600-5997).

Sunday School! We are studying the “Enduring Faith” curriculum, Unit 8. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

The Deacon's Fund supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

REMINDERS

Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

Prayer request cards are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email the secretary at secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org

Parking spaces in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.

Reredos Committee – The Reredos committee is currently reviewing work from local artists and companies to do artwork for our wall. We are conducting in person interviews and will present our plans for moving forward at the voter's meeting on November 13. If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the reredos committee.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s)	Jeff and Larissa Reuer
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Dave Sherrets, Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Nick Mayer
Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 13

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Karen Sherrets
Acolyte	Micah Anderson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 20

Organist/Pianist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Melisa and Kirk Anderson
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas, Roger Landowski
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Dave Sherrets
Snow	Dave Sherrets
Flowers	OPEN

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving

Organist/Pianist	Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley, Roger Landowski
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Kirk Anderson
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 27

Organist/Pianist	Linda Thompson
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Levi Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Jeff Reuer
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Larissa and Katie Reuer
Snow	Tom Stahly
Flowers	Raben

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!